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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO THE CARIBBEAN: SURINAM LOGISTICS

1. THIS MESSAGE GIVES SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT MIGHT
NOT OTHERWISE BE IMMEDIATELY APPARENT TO PLANNERS OF MR.
YOUNG'S VISIT TO SURINAM.

2. THIS IS AS SMALL AN EMBASSY AS HE WILL FIND. AS OF THE
TIME OF THE VISIT, WE WILL HAVE ONE AMBASSADOR, ONE FSR-6
ADMIN OFFICER, ONE FSO-7 CONSULAR OFFICER, ONE SECRETARY
AND (PROMISED) ONE COMMUNICATOR AND A TOTAL OF SEVEN LOCAL
EMPLOYEES. TWO SEDANS AND ONE CARRYALL. WE HAVE NO AID
MISSION OR PROJECTS; NO PAO OR OTHER AMERICAN USIS PERSONNEL;
NO MARINE GUARDS, MILITARY ATTACHES, OR OTHER MILITARY
PERSONNEL; NO PERSONNEL OF ANY OTHER US GOVERNMENT AGENCY.
OUR SMALLNESS HAS NOT NECESSARILY BEEN A HANDICAP IN OTHER
VISITS; SOMETIMES IT HELPS, BUT IT HAS TO BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT.

3. ALLOWING FOR A LOCAL DRIVER IN EACH CAR, WE CAN
ACCOMMODATE ONLY SIX OR EIGHT PEOPLE IN THE TWO SEDANS,
DEPENDING ON WHETHER WE PUT TWO OR THREE IN THE BACK
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SEATS. WE WILL ASK THE GOS TO SUPPLY EXTRA CARS, BUT
DO NOT KNOW YET HOW MANY THEY CAN MAKE AVAILABLE. FOR
EASE OF CONTROL, BRIEFING OF GROUPS EN ROUTE, ETC. WE
WOULD PROPOSE TO HIRE TWO SMALL BUSES, ONE FOR OFFICIAL
PERSONNEL AND ONE FOR THE PRESS. THE PRESS WOULD THUS
HAVE THEIR OWN BUS ENTIRELY TO THEMSELVES, AND WE WOULD
TRY TO GET A GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICER TO RIDE WITH THEM.

4. SINCE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOUNG WILL BE STAYING AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, THEIR BAGGAGE WILL HAVE TO BE SEGREGATED FROM THAT OF THE REST OF THE PARTY, ALL OF WHOM WILL BE AT THE TORARICA HOTEL. WE WILL USE THE EMBASSY CARRYALL FOR THE YOUNGS' BAGGAGE AND AS EMERGENCY BACKUP, BUT WE WILL NEED TO HIRE A SMALL TRUCK AND TWO BAGGAGE HANDLERS FOR THE REST OF THE GROUP, FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL AND FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT. WE WILL PREREGISTER ALL OF PARTY AT THE TORARICA AND SEND BAGGAGE TAGS IN ADVANCE TO GEORGETOWN, WITH ROOM NUMBERS ALREADY ON THEM OR TO BE INSERTED AT LAST MINUTE BY RADIO ADVICE. TRAVELERS SHOULD REMOVE ALL PREVIOUS HOTEL BAGGAGE TAGS ON DEPARTURE FROM GEORGETOWN AND SEE THAT EACH BAG HAS A TORARICA TAG WITH NAME AND ROOM NUMBER ON IT. IN THAT WAY, BAGGAGE HANDLERS WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER BAGGAGE TO ROOMS AT HOTEL ON DAY OF ARRIVAL, INSTEAD OF PERHAPS AFTER DEPARTURE. ON DAY OF DEPARTURE, TRAVELERS WILL HAVE TO CHECK OUT OF HOTEL AND DEPOSIT BAGGAGE AT DESIGNATED CENTRAL POINT IN MORNING BEFORE LEAVING FOR ANY APPOINTMENT, SINCE BAGGAGE TRUCK WILL HAVE TO BE ON ITS WAY BY 9:00 A.M.

5. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT WE HAVE OR WILL BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO PAY BUSES, TRUCK AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS COSTS OUT OF OFFICIAL FUNDS. PLEASE CONFIRM.
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6. WE ARE WELL USED TO HANDLING AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT HERE AND ARE IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH ANDREWS AFB. ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CREW TRANSPORTATION, HOTEL RESERVATIONS (ALSO AT TORARICA) WILL BE HANDLED SEPARATELY BUT IN COORDINATION WITH YOUNG PARTY ARRANGEMENTS.
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